

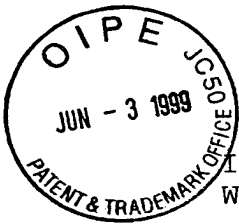
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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**Box REISSUE**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed December 3, 1998 and the personal interview conducted with Examiner Joyce and Supervisory Examiner Webster on May 13, 1999 in connection with the above-referenced U.S. Reissue Patent Application, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the arguments and comments made below.